

REMARKS

The Office Action

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application as of Applicants' Amendment dated June 28, 2005.

Claims 2, 6, 10 and 13 have been noted by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter.

The Claims Remaining In the Application Are Now Distinguished From the Cited Art

By way of review, Applicants filed an amendment on June 28, 2005. In response to that Amendment, an Office Action was issued on September 22, 2005 indicating claims 6, 10 and 13 contained allowable subject matter.

In response to the September 22, 2005 Office Action, Applicants submitted a First Amendment After Final on February 22, 2006 (along with a Notice of Appeal).

On April 1, 2006, Applicants held a telephone conference with the Examiner to discuss the distinguishing features between the present application and the cited references.

On April 10, 2006, an Advisory Action was issued wherein the Examiner indicated his agreement that the cited Seni et al. reference "does not read on claim 2 of the instant application"

In view of the foregoing, Applicants hereby incorporate the arguments of the first After Final Amendment of February 22, 2006, and resubmit amendments made in that Amendment.

Applicant also makes further amendments to accept the material of claim 2 the Examiner indicated in the April 10, 2006 Advisory Action as being distinguishing.

More particularly, the claims have been amended as follows:

Independent claim 1 is made allowable by the addition of the material from claim 2 (Applicants note that material from claim 7 had previously been submitted into independent claim 1 in the unentered Amendment After Final (dated February 22, 2006)).

Claim 6 has been amended into independent form by incorporating the limitations of claim 1 (as provided in the previously submitted non-After Final Amendment (dated June 28, 2006)), and the material of claim 5.

Claim 10 has been placed into independent form by including the limitations of claim 1 (as presented in the non-After Final Amendment (dated June 28, 2005)) and the material of claim 9.

Claim 11 has been placed into independent form by including the limitations of claims 12 and 13 (claim 12 depended from the noted-to-be allowable claim 13).

By these amendments, and by eliminating claims not noted to be allowable, Applicants also cancel claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 12-23.

Therefore, remaining in the application are noted-to-be allowable independent claims 1 and its dependent claims 4 and 8, independent claim 6, independent claim 10 and independent claim 11.

The above amendments are simply accepting allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner, and do not require any additional search or consideration.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 11) are now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is therefore earnestly solicited.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Mark S. Svat, at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

Respectfully submitted,

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